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Science and The Bible

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Only a very superficial and biased person could possibly be guilty of accepting the weak and unscientific pamphlet, "Evolution and Mr. Bryan," written by Fosdick. This attempt to discredit Bryan and belittle the Infallible Word of God, falls to the ground by the weight of its own glaring, inherent and trivial defects, which are obvious to any careful student of the Bible.

William Jennings Bryan needs no defense against the puerile attacks of his insignificant opponents, who are animated by a bitter animus which pervades everything they write concerning him, and inevitably blinds them to the truth.

On page 11 are some references to Scripture passages, supposed to reveal the gross intellectual and scientific darkness which covered the inspired writers of the Bible. Even a hurried perusal of these verses will show, not the ignorance of the authors but the unbelieving critic who is hoist with his own petard. **It isn't safe to issue any challenge to this amazing Book of Books, unless one is prepared for defeat, ignominious and certain. The Bible is prepared to call every bluff of its atheistic enemies, even though they cloak their clumsy attacks under the guise of Christian profession.**

Let him who presumes to question the accuracy of the Bible's science read those challenges in Job 12:7-9: "But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee; or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. WHO KNOWETH NOT THAT IN ALL THESE THE HAND OF THE LORD HATH WROUGHT THIS?"

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh!"

But let us examine the passages referred to as reason for doubting our Bible. We read in this pamphlet on page 11 that the teaching of the Bible is that "the earth was flat and was founded on an underlying sea." and Psalm 136:6; 24:1-2; Gen. 7:11 are given as proof. We shall quote these verses in their order.

"To him that stretched out the earth above the waters;" "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, in the 17th day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened."

It is strange that a critic who presumes to argue with God, the Omnipotent and Omniscient Creator of the universe, does not know a little more science, and is not possessed of slightly less self-conceit! It is perfectly true that the "earth is stretched out above the waters," because science knows today that under the earth's surface are immense seas, and so, it is literally "founded on the seas and established upon the floods." The main cause of the Flood of Noah was not rain from above but water from beneath, as modern geology now admits. And, surely the Bible may be permitted the use of a strong, and beautifully poetic term when it speaks of "the windows of heaven" being "opened." Twentieth century literature which constantly makes use of such picturesque phraseology, is not criticised for lack of scientific knowledge. The down pour of rain was so terrific, in all probability, that it must have appeared to Noah as he looked out from his windows, as if the whole heaven were really opened.

We read further: "It (the earth) was stationary," the heavens, like an upturned bowl, "strong as a molten mirror," (Job 37:18; Gen. 1:6-8; Isa. 40:22; Psalms 104:2).

"Hast thou with him, spread out the sky, which is strong, and AS a molten looking glass? And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. It is he that sitteth upon the sphere (Hebrew **khug**, meaning, not a circle drawn upon a plane surface, but a globe) of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain (Hebrew **rakiya**, meaning a thinness or an expanse), and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." "Who covereth thyself with light as with a garment; who stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain."

In the above quotations, instead of finding a single scientific error, we discover some of the most remarkable modern science, science which was certainly not known to any but the Bibical writers. **How, may we ask, is it possible to explain this amazing fact unless we believe that God gave the information to the human scribes?**

The Bible does NOT say that the

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Flying Defenders of Fundamentalism

By W. B. Riley

At the Toronto convention there was some discussion about creating for and by the Fundamentals Association, a "Flying Squadron." This was suggested by Clinton Howard, the Rochester, New York, "little giant," but Mr. Howard was not in a condition to head such a squadron this year because of previous engagements. It was deemed best therefore not to steal his idea but to function under another name, hoping that later Mr. Howard's suggestion can be brought into full effect.

Gerold B. Winrod, editor of the Defender, of Wichita, Kansas, suggested to me the thought of creating a company under the title of "Flying Defenders of Fundamentalism" and putting them into the field. The clearness of his vision and the eloquence of his argument in behalf of this movement thoroughly convinced me and I requested him to organize such a movement and direct the work of the same.

For a month or more Mr. Winrod has been in work in Minnesota. He began in the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, alone and soon gathered together such men as Dr. A. I. Brown, the famous Canadian surgeon, Harry Rimmer, President of the Research Science Bureau, Rev. Frank Rose, Ottawa, Kansas, writer and evangelist, and Mr. Albert Cross of Minneapolis. These five men have given a month to the Minnesota anti-evolution campaign working for the passing of an anti-evolution bill in this state. The bill will be presented about Thursday, February 24th. It will be debated in the old auditorium in Minneapolis now known as the Lyceum Theatre, on the 28th of February and in the St. Paul auditorium on March 1st.

Whatever may be the result of this campaign Gerald B. Winrod and his companions have done a great educational work in Minnesota that means the practically undoing of this philosophy in the field of this state. It looks as though the bill would pass. We know of two men for it for every one that is against it, but whether it passes or not the result will be the same. The majority of speeches made by these men, under Winrod, have convinced the entire state of the evil of the astheistic philosophy, and local school boards will come near making it a condition of teaching that those employed in our public schools shall express themselves as opposed to this wild and unproven speculation.

Minnesota recognizes her great debt to Kansas in that Wichita's great citizen, Winrod, has rendered a mighty service to this state.

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Items of Interest to Defenders

The First Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota, has this to say in its monthly magazine:

"How our hearts are pained on account of the inroads of Modernism into our glorious heritage. Dr. A. H. Strong for forty years the illustrious president of the Rochester Theological Seminary, published a book some years ago entitled, "A Tour of Missions." Said he: "The Theological Seminaries of almost all our denominations are becoming so infected with this grevious error that they are not so much organs of Christ as they are of anti-Christ and the Theological Seminaries furnish most of the missionaries.' So to prevent our money going to the support of these anti-Christian missionaries we are forwarding our missionary money to the Baptist Bible Union of North America. This is an organization of true orthodox Baptists who are making no compromise with apostate modernism of these last days."

The following letter was written to Mr. Winrod a few days ago by an eleven year old boy in the sixth grade of a public school in Wichita, Kansas:

"I am writing you while in school. Our teacher has just said something that I did not like. While studying a story about elephants, we read how they could lift their ears. Our teacher said that people used to have ears about six times as large as they have now, and that they lived in trees and caves. People used to lift their ears like elephants when they heard animals coming. But since people have become civilized, they don't use their ears like they used to so they have become small."

The following press report was circulated from Philadelphia recently:

"The American Association of University professors today started a movement for more effective co-operation of various groups in opposing the spread of anti-evolution legislation in the several states. The organization met in connection with the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science."

Dr. L. M. Birkhead, pastor of the All Souls Unitarian Church of Kansas City, Mo., has one of the outstanding Unitarian churches of America. He is a delightful person to talk with, possessing every evidence of education and refinement. While bitterly opposed to the things for which the "Flying Fundamentalists" stand, he was courteous to them during the recent campaign in Kansas City. His present views and bitter opposition toward the basic principles of the Christian religion represent the tragic product of our wrong education system. Like many others, Dr. Birkhead has the mistaken idea that it is a mark of superior intelligence to accept the absurd doctrine of Evolution and sneer at "the faith of our fathers." However, he is a man. He was first a Methodist preacher, and when he lost his faith and could no longer subscribe to Wesley's "Twenty-Five Articles of Religion" and "The Apostles' Creed," he was man enough to get out of the Methodist church and join the Unitarian. Every truly informed person knows that hundreds of Methodist preachers would travel the same road if they were honest with themselves and true to their own conscience.

As a part of the program of the Flying Fundamentalists, during the recent crusade in Kansas City a debate was arranged between Dr. L. M. Birkhead and Dr. W. B. Riley. The meeting was held in the Calvary Branch Baptist church of which Dr. Carrol V. Day is pastor. Dr. Andres Bard, a prominent Lutheran pastor, presided. About 1,000 persons were present. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that Earth and Man Came by Evolution and that this Fact Should be Taught in Tax-Supported Schools." Dr. Birkhead took the affirmative and Dr. Riley took the negative. The audience acted as the judge and when the debate was finished, the affirmative received about 200 votes and the negative about 800.

On Sunday morning, January 23, 1927, Arthur I. Brown and Gerald B. Winrod, members of the Flying Fundamentalists, attended Dr. L. M. Birkhead's church. No prayer was offered during the service. The Bible was not mentioned except with a sneer. Old hymns were given new coined words. For instance, the music of the Doxology was used with the following words:

"From all who now are gathered here
Let highest thoughts and hopes arise.
Let Truth's majestic power be sung
And Goodness reign in all our lives.
Amen."

The name of Jesus was not mentioned. Carruth's poem on Evolution, "Each in His Own Tongue," was read by the audience. The pastor's subject was, "Evolution." He said that Genesis contradicted itself and called it an "oriental fable." He made fun of the members of the Legislature who introduced a bill to prohibit the teaching of Evolution in Missouri schools. He attacked the "Flying Fundamentalists." Then, when he was through, he was unwise enough to offer to allow Mr. Brown and Mr. Winrod to speak ten minutes each. Instead of taking twenty minutes, they used about fifty. Before they had finished presenting the cause of Fundamentalism under those peculiar surroundings, it seemed like a verbal cyclone had hit the church. Not only were Dr. Birkhead's arguments answered, but they were ripped to pieces. With such eloquence and force did Mr. Brown and Mr. Winrod present their cause that the large audience responded with rounds of applause no less than fifteen times.

A bill to prohibit the teaching of evolution was introduced into the State Legislature of Missouri by Representative Charles C. Jackson of Oregon County. The bill was referred to the House Committee on education. The Kansas City Star says:

"The fundamentalists and liberals are being marshaled for the field day in the house when the measure comes to a vote. Among the new recruits to the forces behind the Jackson-McDaniel bill are several preacher members, including the **Rev. James M. Ramsey of Bynumbille** who campaigned Chariton County against evolution last fall, and the Rev. Alex Reid of Bethany, a retired Methodist circuit rider. Mr. Ramsey is revamping his campaign speech in preparation for the oratorical Armageddon.

"Jackson denounced the 'unfair tactics' of his liberal enemies, who have been writing anonymous letters denouncing him. One 'poison pen' letter from Kansas City particularly was resented by the Oregon County legislator. The writer characterized him as an 'ignorant person' and one who lived in a cornbread and sorghum molasses county.

"'About all you are fit for,' the writer asserted, 'is to hunt possums and coons. Go on off with the Houn' dog and don't try to drill with people who know something. If I was down to Jefferson City I would go right before the House of Representatives and bet you $100 you could not tell the day of the month George Washington was born. You ought to slink back to Coon Hollow and not try to disgrace the state of Missouri with your ignorance.'

"Mr. Jackson called the author 'the cowardly liberalist writer, who refused to reveal his name'."

Pastors of the Southern Methodist Church who dare to assail evolution and the modernistic tendencies of professors in their schools are being subjected to severe persecution. At a recent session of the Central Texas Conference, Rev. Wm. E. Hawkins, Jr., against whom no charge has ever been brought, was "located." Rev. Hawkins has been successful on every charge he has served. He was holding a union revival at Sour Lake, Texas, and wrote the Bishop and Presiding Elder, explaining his absence from the Conference and leaving his appointment in the hands of his brethren. But from all indications, Rev. Hawkins was in the way of the liberals of the Southern Methodist Schools and he was refused a charge. For two or three years, he has denounced modernism fearlessly. Today he has a clear conscience and no church.

"Evolutionists to fight for their birthright." This is a large heading stretching across an entire page of the Literary Digest. It is interesting to contemplate that a considerable body of men are willing to fight for a brute ancestry preferring to think of themselves as the "image of the beast" rather than the "image of God"!

Harry Emerson Fosdick, the heretic of New York City, whose ministry is lubricated by Rockefeller oil, is now advocating the Catholic confessional for Protestant churches. He seems to find in the confessional only a psychological influence. Speaking before more than 1000 ministers and laymen at the annual luncheon of the Greater New York Federation of Churches on February 7th, Fosdick said, "Roman Catholics have built up an amazing experience about what goes on in the individual." He explained that a Catholic priest can gain from individuals in the confessional, information that will be valuable to him in influencing others. He complains that too many times the Protestant goes to a psychoanalyst instead of the pastor. Fosdick said in the same address that the old style of evangelism has been "thrown out the back door."

In reply to an attack on Fundamentalism by Bishop Charles E. Locke of the Methodist church recently, Gerald B. Winrod made the following statement. The report given below is a reprint from **The Minneapolis Tribune:**

"Challenging Bishop Locke's assertion that Methodism is united in its stand for modernism, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, the Kansas Fundamentalist, declared Thursday that John Wesley was an 'ideal fundamentalist.' He asked how the Bishop could reconcile his statement with the attitude of the founder of Methodism. 'John Wesley built the Methodist denomination upon the famous Twenty-five Article of Religion, which constitutes an exact statement of "fundamentalism,"' Dr. Winrod said. 'Bishop Locke's statement does not reflect the sentiment of the laymen of the denomination.'"

Resolutions, letters and telegrams of which the statement below is an example, are pouring in constantly to members of the Minnesota Legislature as the result of the crusade of the "Flying Fundamentalists." This resolution comes from three Evangelical churches new Paynesville, Minnesota, of which Rev. G. Dubendorf is the pastor.

"Inasmuch as the theory of evolution is being taught in so many of our public schools, high schools, colleges, and universities; and inasmuch as a bill is now before the legal bodies of our state to prohibit the teaching of said theory: therefore, we the members of the Salem, Zion and Ebenezer Evangelical churches, hereby respectfully request our honorable representatives and senators to give said bill their favorable consideration."

Just now "Vindication Tours" seem to be in style. Judge Ben Lindsay of Denver seems to be the latest to seek "vindication." It is not yet announced how much money he will seek while seeking "vindication." Time was when Christian people generally held the Denver juvenile judge in high regard. By carefully prepared publicity methods, his revolutionary ideas and work among boys in Denver, attracted wide attention and secured popular endorsement years ago. In years past Judge Lindsay was a favorite and beyond doubt, has to his credit some excellent accomplishments. Things are different now. A public speaker discredits himself if he quotes Lindsay favorably. Even in his home city, Denver, his popularity has been on the decline several years. Only a few days ago, according to press reports, he was removed from office by the instruments of the law. Now he seeks "vindication." The sort of sensual, sensational teaching on sex which has characterized his articles in popular magazines the last few years has discredited him. His jungle ideals on sex, if taken seriously, would put America in a cesspool of immorality. Speaking before audiences in the University of Colorado and the School of Mines in Boulder, the jurist said a few days ago, "Youth had better sin its way into heaven than conform its way into hell." He warned the young people not to be intimidated by "worn out theology." "Use your minds," he admonished.

There was a time in the history of the church when it was felt that a pastor needed the leading of the Holy Spirit in the selection of his pulpit themes. In this present age of reigning naturalism, however, such Divine leadership appears to be no longer necessary. There are official secretaries now who are regarded as quite competent to direct in the matter and who do not even have to be asked to do so. This is considered a mark of progress. The Church has gotten out

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of its swaddling clothes and does not in this day have to depend upon the Lord as it did in the earlier stages of its "evolution"!

One of the outstanding evils of our day is to be observed in the putrid literature that permeates the news stands. Obscene publications bootlegged as literature sometimes masquerading as art, are sold by the ton each month. As an expression of the "animal psychology" which has settled down upon America since the coming of Evolution, these large collections of smut, dirt and muck contribute their portion to the destructive forces which speak of certain doom if not checked. Fortunately in New York City, the **New York World** has entered a stirring protest. The public conscience is being aroused to the filth at its door. Furthermore, censorship of magazines is proposed by a bill introduced in Congress by Representative Wilson of Mississippi to create a National Board of Magazines appointed by the President. The bill would prevent publication of lascivious stories and photographs.

A strong fight against atheism in the form of education was waged in Arkansas during February when a bill to prohibit the teaching that "man descended or ascended from a lower order of animals" was introduced into the Legislature. At a dramatic session the proposed measure won in the House of Representatives by a vote of 50 to 47. However, in the Senate the day following, it was defeated and killed by an unofficial vote of 25 to 6.

What would John Wesley say? In Memphis, Tenn., February 10th, the education association of the Methodist Episcopal church South, went on record as being opposed to the law prohibiting the teaching of Evolution in the tax-supported schools of Tennessee.

"Some of us once imagined that when Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, the one great Act was recorded that determined the freeing of the slaves. We had not learned then that twenty years earlier there had been placed on the statute books laws which made it a crime to bring into the ports of our great country one additional African slave. Yet in those years it was estimated that no less than 200,000 captured Negroes were brought in slave ships to our shores, landed and sold. Slavery did not die an easy death. Indeed, it defiantly refused to be stamped out. Today, its final struggles give us analogies which should greatly stimulate us as well as instruct us. We have not yet watched for one whole generation the determined resistance of an entrenched foe. Our first decade is not past, and much remains to be done in the education of the people as well as in law enforcement, before we may hope for more cheering evidence, that the intelligence and conviction of this nation have outlawed alcohol as a beverage.—**"The Presbyterian."**

"General Chang Chih-kiang has sent the China Agency of the American Bible Society his second big order for Bibles and Testaments. This was for 4,500 Bibles and 6,000 New Testaments. This is, undoubtedly, the biggest single purchase of Scriptures on record in China.

"This order comes within six months of the same general's order for a smaller number of the Scriptures. They are distributed to the officers and men in his army."

"Anyone would be foolish to contend that mere reading the Bible in the public schools would revolutionize the morals of the nation over night. It seems equally unwise to assert that it would make no improvement in a generation. The burglary insurance rate is $11 a thousand in Boston, $19.80 in New York and $27.56 in Chicago. Is there any connection between these figures and the fact that the Bible has been read daily in the public schools of Boston for 65 years, for 22 years in the schools of New York and excluded 30 years from the schools of Chicago?"—The Methodist.

Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, one of the Institutions endorsed by the Convention of Fundamentalists here in Wichita, November 12th, is in a strenuous campaign to bring their endowment to $550,000, which is the amount required to meet the new standardization requirements adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education, and also for membership into the North Central Association. They have raised to date $525,000, and have only till March 10th to raise the remaining $25,000.

Sterling College is making her appeal along three lines.

FIRST: Because she is fundamentally and thoroughly Christian, and accepts the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and is free from any taint of modernism. This one fact has brought many gifts to her support, but others are needed.

SECOND: Because she has employed no "Fund Raising Agency," thus saving to the Institution $25,000, and allowing ninety-nine cents out of every dollar to go directly into the endowment.

THIRD: Sterling College has no indebtedness. She has buildings, campus and equipment valued at $375,000; $250,000 of which has been put into three buildings in the last six years, but without any deficit. This speaks, in itself, for the management of the Institution.

Sterling College has an enrollment of three hundred students. Every Protestant Denomination is represented in her Student Body, and several Demoninations in her faculty. Some of the interesting facts are that ninety-eight per cent of the Student Body are professing Christians, and one hundred sixty-seven are from the farm.

The aim of the management is to build up an Institution where parents can feel, so far as teaching and surroundings are concerned, it is a safe place to send their boys and girls.

The campaign closes March 10th, and any reader of "The Defender" who is inclined to help such an Institution, will find their contributions welcome, and can send their communication, in either cash or pledge, to President R. T. Campbell, Sterling, Kansas.

A little girl was running along, and she was asked if she was afraid to go through the cemetery at night. "Oh, no," she said, "I am not afraid, for my home is just beyond." Bishop Quayle told this sweet little story at the funeral of his colleague, Bishop Smith.

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The Fight In Minnesota

As this, the March issue of **The Defender**, goes to press, the entire state of Minnesota is seething with the discussion of evolution. Everywhere it is the subject of conversation. Powerful and well-organized forces are functioning both for and against the proposed anti-evolution law.

About the time that this magazine goes to press, the bill will be introduced into the State Legislature. Following its introduction, it will go to the Committee on Education. There it will be discussed, passed upon favorably, killed, or turned to the House without recommendation for open debate and vote.

Opponents Organized

Opponents of Fundamentalism are organized under the direction of the International Theistic Society with headquarters in St. Paul. A few prominent religious leaders, including Bishop Charles E. Locke of the Methodist church, are active in defending evolution.

As a part of a propaganda campaign against the anti-evolution bill, 40,000 copies of the official magazine of the Theistic Society were circulated broadcast over the state. Funds are being solicited with which to fight Fundamentalism.

An effort was made to get a resolution through the Legislature to make it impossible to even give the bill a hearing. The enemies were blocked in this effort by friends who anticipated the move and opposed in open debate such strong arm methods.

Flying Fundamentalists

"The Flying Fundamentalists," a nation-wide movement, operating somewhat on the plan of the old flying squadron, have been concentrating their efforts on Minnesota for more than a month. During this time, meetings have been held in about 100 towns and cities. Crowds that pack the largest auditoriums available gather to hear evolution exposed and refuted and the bill defended. It is safe to say that sentiment over the state among the voters is overwhelmingly in favor of the bill.

The enemies have been defeated at every turn in debate and argument. Failing to meet the issue squarely, they have resorted to the sentimental and bombastic. An example may be observed in an editorial appearing in a Minneapolis paper about Mr. Winrod, which was a reprint from an atheistic publication. It is as follows:

"Here was Winrod, stooped shouldered, mustached, running his hand through his flowing locks . . . On the platform he somehow looks like a caricatured Beelzebub, with his somewhat slanting eyes, his long face, and curls of hair on either side of his head. But no one could conceive of Winrod being like the Devil. He fights the Devil. The Devil's other name is Evolution."

This is an example of the polite methods employed by enemies of the truth who so often accuse Fundamentalists of being vicious and bombastic.

The modernists persist in circulating statements to the effect that the bill is unconstitutional in spite of the fact that the Supreme Court of Tennessee has already declared that it is constitutional. Without attempting to offer proof, they say that the bill interferes with "freedom of speech" and "freedom of conscience." This charge has been answered successfully many times.

They have been careful to circulate the propaganda that such a law involves a combination of church and state. On this ground they have tried to stampede the Lutherans of the state, knowing that they frown upon any union of religion and government.

The "Flying Fundamentalists" have answered this absurd and false charge on several occasions. The fact is, the words "church," "state," "religion," or "Bible," do not appear in the bill. The question the bill answers is simply this: "Who has a right to control the schools—the tax-payers or a self-appointed group of so-called intellectuals?" The worst sinner or atheist in Minnesota could defend the bill so far as its language or the principle involved is concerned. It is not a matter of church and state at all.

The staunch and determined attitude of the Lutherans, 1,000,000 strong in Minnesota, will in all probability carry the bill through to victory. They are not being deceived by this false propaganda.

The Opening Wedge

As a result of the crusade of the "Flying Fundamentalists," a flood of letters and telegrams are pouring in to the members of the State legislature from every section of the state.

If this fight is won in Minnesota, we will have the opening wedge into all Northern States, and the work will spread like wild-fire.

Evolutionists have charged that only the "illiterate south" would prohibit the theory. Any person acquainted with the southern mind and their high standards of living know this charge is libel. The reason the South has been more responsive to legislation against Evolution than the North is because it is more religious.

Friends of this cause everywhere will do well to pray for the success of the forces of righteousness in Minnesota, realizing what far-reaching principles are involved.

WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THAT EVOLUTION HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE ACTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA IN THE APRIL NUMBER OF THE DEFENDER.

THIS MAGAZINE

This magazine is indispensible. It has a unique mission. It is devoted to the presentation of deep spiritual teaching, Scriptural and scientific truth, and a positive defense of the historic "Faith of our Fathers" against the encroachments of modern heresies.

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The subscription price is kept so low that no one need be without it. Fifty cents brings it each month for one year. Readers that can afford to do so should subscribe for friends. Subscribers will please do all in their power to increase its circulation.

THE JEW

(By Rev. H. G. Hamilton, Austin, Minn.)

This people have been the object of the most bloody persecution in the history of the world. Loved of God, despised by men, feared by nations, sneered at by individuals, raped and robbed in nearly every country of the world. Yet their existence was the prominent argument used by the Chaplain of Frederick the Great to prove the inspiration of the Bible. Their existence today proves the trustworthiness of Scripture, and the integrity of the only living loving God, who made heaven and earth and all things that are therein. The Jew is not only the wonder of the ages, but he is the marvel of history, and I speak to you with a view of discharging my sense of appreciation of him whom God declares to be "The apple of His eye."

What I have in mind to say I will group under three heads, viz.:

1. **The Jew in the Economy of God.**
2. **The Jew in History Past.**
3. **The Jew in the Centuries to Come.**

1. The Jew in the Economy of God. The Jews are the most remarkable race on the face of the earth, and next to the Chinese they are the oldest, with the oldest history and the oldest religion. They may be said to have existed from the call of Abraham (Genesis 12) who was the progenitor of the race. They were called Israelites up until the Captivity, since that time they have been known as Jews. The name Jew first occurs in the second book of Kings, and it is frequently found in the book of Jeremiah. John in his Gospel repeatedly uses the term to designate the people whom God raised up to be a blessing in the earth. In the economy of God the Jew has a threefold purpose.

(a) To make God known in the earth. This truth can hardly be questioned as we see the Patriarchs of the race, move about the country in search of pasture for their cattle, and how their presence was a reflection of the power and purpose of God who had raised them up "to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him." Egypt testified to the triumph and the terror of the God whom this people worshipped and adored. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome were constantly reminded of the mighty power of this omnipotent God who in the days of Israel's splendor was their garrison by day and by night.

(b) **As Custodians of God's truth.** The Bible is the truth of God, and each of its sixty-six books we believe were written by Jews. One of the books "The Hebrews" was specially addressed to them. Scattered, yet miraculously preserved, and according to the prophecies of both the Old and the New Testaments, they are the living witnesses of the truth of the Bible, which tells us that one of their own race "Came to seek and to save that which was lost."

(c) **They were the Avenue by which the Messiah should come.** There is no argument to the fact that the words "Messiah" and "Christ" are identical terms meaning Anointed. This is a question not of reason or history, but of Scripture, which began in Genesis 3:

"And the Lord said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life, and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Here is the seed plot of all redemptive truth. The seed of the woman is to overthrow the power of Satan, but not without pain in the bruising of the heel. Follow the long list of prophetic promises to Abraham and his seed after him in Genesis 13, 18, 28, 49, until we reach Isaiah 7:11 and Zechariah 9, then in Matthew and Luke we find the fulfillment of the prophetic Word in the coming forth of the virgin born Son of God to fulfill the law of God, which the people themselves could not do.

2. The Jew in History Past. Five times have this people been on the brink of destruction and annihilation by (1) The Pharaohs B. C. 1571-1491. (2) Nebuchadnezzar B. C. 588. (3) Haman B. C. 510. (4) Antiochus Epiphanes B. C. 170. (5) Titus A. D. 70. Perpetually plundered, yet always wealthy, massacred by thousands, yet springing up again from their undying stock, and today they probably number more than at any previous time in their history. Their perpetuity is at once the most peculiar fact, and yet one of the most astounding miracles of any day, as is also their infusibility with other nations, and their synagogues where they have met during the past 2300 years to read the Holy Scriptures, which apparently are read to bring consolation, but in reality condemnation. They are the most admirable, as well as the most remarkable people of the centuries. They have had the most varied experiences of both aspects of human nature—the happiest, and yet the most miserable, among them at all times they have had the richest and the poorest, the most cultured and the most degraded. Their country is located in the best part of the world, their land most fertile, their clime most sunny, the most central portion of the earth for commerce, politics or war, and yet the land for a thousand years the most unfruitful. Comparatively speaking they are a small people, yet their influence is out of all proportion to their numbers. In the past and present they are servants in the highest departments of Science, Art, Literature, Music and Finance, and to crown it all they possess a zeal (though blind) and a devotion sublime to the law of Moses and the things of God. The most pathetic thing of all their history, is that when Jesus, Son of David, son of Mary, Son of God came to help them fulfill the law of God, which they espoused at Sinai, in lamentable tones they cried out "Crucify Him, Crucify Him," and the crime of the cross has been the stigma of their shame throughout the centuries, but God in His grace has had compassion on them, and in their unbelief, one of their own number, John by name, entreats them to "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world," and thrice happy are they who obey the "Behold."

3. The Jew in the Ages to Come. To attempt to portray the future of any people, save the Jew, would be presumption of the most dire kind, but our authority for such an act is the Word of God. The restoration of the Jews to the land promised to them by Jehovah has long since ceased to be a debatable religious question, it has even passed the bounds of a national issue, when Britain captured the land from the Turk during 1917, they gave the prize to the Jews.

One is altogether out of date today in speaking of them as "An ancient People," for Jeremiah tell us "He that scattered Israel will gather him," and the most interesting feature of religious activity today is the return of the Jew to Palestine, where he is destined to be the greatest of all the nations in the earth.

For the past thirty years an ever increasing stream of Jews has poured out of Central Europe and Russia, and on one day last Spring 1200 Jews arrived at a port in Palestine, and over 4,000 arrived in the month of March. Enthusiasm for the country is at fever heat and this return during these past days is being furthered by what is known as the Zionistic Movement, a group of orthodox Jews. But God's regathering of Israel will not take place until the return of the Lord to the earth which will be preceded by "The Time of Jacob's Trouble." "Then all Israel will be saved when there shall come out of Zion a deliverer who shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." When the Jew is back in his own land, and not until then will this groaning earth be at peace, so the best and only peace sign for this world is the restoration of the Jew to the land of Palestine. Then will the anointed Son of God our Saviour, the Jew's Messiah, reign over the earth for a period of one thousand years, at that time will righteousness cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, and the glory of the Lord shall be known in all of His dominion.

"Mid the raging storms of cruel doubt,
There's one fact always true
Which all the ages can't wipe out
That great fact is the Jew."

Anti-Evolution Law Upheld

By Gerald B. Winrod

This was the general tenor of newspaper headlines January 15th when press reports flashed to the world the decision of the Supreme Court of Tennessee which had been considering the constitutionality of the anti-evolution law. Thus the approval of a Supreme Court has been placed upon laws to prohibit the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools. **This is a great victory for Fundamentalism.**

Many persons, while opposed to evolution, have questioned the advisability of seeking a remedy through legislation, wondering whether it is really true, as propagandists have claimed, that such laws interfere with rights granted teachers under the Constitution. There should be no further question in this regard. The legal battle in Tennessee with the greatest array of legal talent ever brought together in this country, followed by this decision of the Supreme Court, answers the question conclusively and forever.

This decision tells us that parents have a right to determine what will be taught to their children. It proves that the end of "taxation without representation" is in sight. The great middle classes now have hope of deliverance from the coils of a powerful minority which has gradually gained control of twenty-five millions of school children and two billion dollars annually. The time is now at hand when the people paying the bills will have a right to forbid the teaching of atheistic philosophies which threaten to wreck Christianity and at the same time blast from beneath our feet the foundations of civilization. In substance, this decision says, "The hand that writes the pay check will control the school from now on. Our educational systems may now be taken out of the hands of presumptious, egotistic and irresponsible, intellectual oligarchy and be given back to the tax payers, the rightful owners, who built the schools and paid for them."

Newspaper Comments

"A victory for both sides with everybody dissatisfied," is the interpretation placed upon the action of the Supreme Court by newspapers that were sorry to see the law stand.

By a vote of three to one on the part of the judges, the law was upheld. At the same time the four judges unanimously reversed the Rhea County court's verdict of guilty against John T. Scopes, the Dayton high-school teacher whose case was on appeal, and then barred recourse to the United States Supreme Court by inducing the Attorney General of the State to drop the case by entering a **nolle prosequi.** This last wrinkle is the chief cause of satisfaction. Many editors, both in the South and in the North, condemn what they regard as a deliberate purpose on the part of the court to hush public discussion and prevent a final settlement of an issue in which every State in the Union is concerned. Thus Mr. T. H. Alexander, reporting the case for the Nashville **Tennesseean,** declares:

"'The Supreme Court's decision effectually kills the evolution case by checkmating all sides. The matter may rage for years in academic discussions, but the case is settled in so far as it concerns the circuit court of Rhea county, the Tennessee legislature, the State Supreme Court, or the Supreme Court of the United States. No more baffling legal wet blanket could have been contrived to smother the famous case which has been fought out under the gaze of a startled nation and a mocking world.'

"Chief Justice Green and Associate Justices Cook and Chambliss upheld the majority opinion which pronounced the anti-evolution law constitutional. Judge McKinney dissented and held the law void for **'uncertainty of meaning,'** while the fifth member of the court, Judge Swiggert, did not participate because he had come to the bench since the case was formally heard last May."

It is difficult to understand how a judge should find the terminology of the law, **"uncertainty of meaning."** Consider, for instance, the **"caption"** and **"Section I"** of the law, which is as follows:

"An act prohibiting the teaching of the evolution theory in all the universities, normals and all other public schools of Tennessee, which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Tennessee that it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the universities, normals, and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach, instead, that man descended from a lower order of animals."

We believe that the people of Tennessee made their wishes perfectly clear.

The decision frees Mr. Scopes from his fine of $100 on a technicality, namely, that the fine should have

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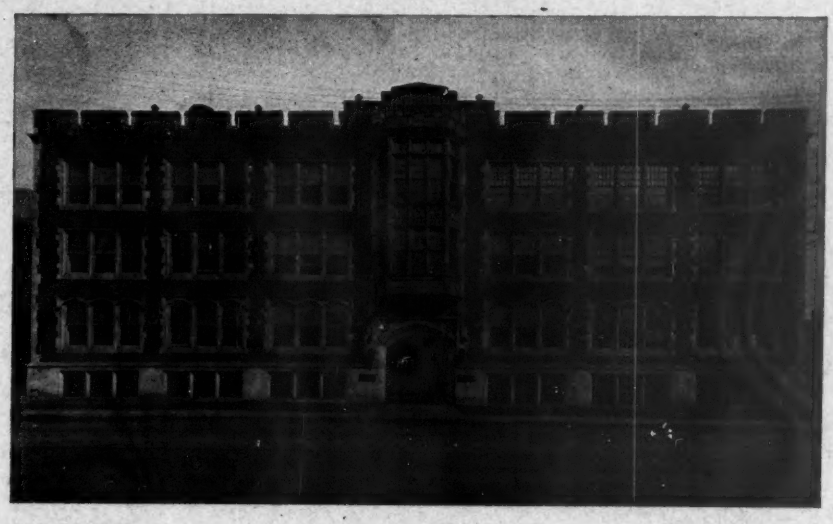

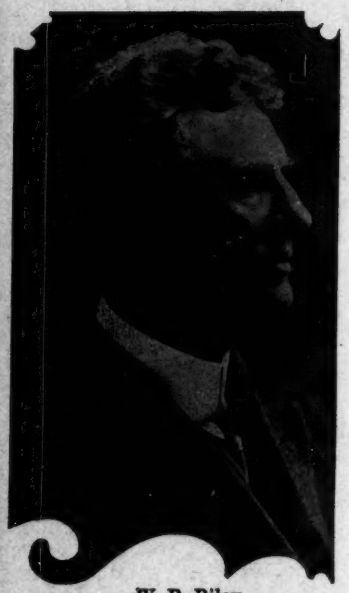

W. B. Riley

The Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was founded October first, 1902. It comes, therefore, shortly to the celebration of its twenty fifth anniversary. In this quarter of a century it has grown from a little class of seven who requested Dr. Riley to become their teacher in the Bible, to the present attendance of over two hundred, and from owning no property to the possession of six buildings, and from having no faculty to the present faculty of sixteen. Its graduate students are in almost every land. They are missionaries in Africa, India, China, Japan, South America and the Islands; they are pastors all over the North American continent; they are religious workers in many churches and fields.

Four Hundred Students October First, 1927.

is the slogan for next year. There is every reason to believe it will be reached. The graduates of The Northwestern are occupying such excellent positions and proving themselves so capable that the attention of the entire country is being turned to the efficiency and success of this school, and scores of letters come in every week from prospective students, so that it is confidentially believed that at least four hundred will be enrolled for the opening of the 1927-28 term.

Sixty Thousand Dollars

have been given Dr. Riley, the Superintendent, for this school in the last three months, $42,000 of this in cash, and the balance in pledges, wills and annuity gifts.

Commodious Buildings Characterize The Northwestern

For all class room work Jackson Hall, the building that cost one quarter million, is employed. The girl's dormitories, Lyman Court, Stimson Hall, and Russell Hall, are beautiful and delightfully appointed, both in location and equipment. The men's dormitory, while an old building, is delightfully located and well appointed. Young people who want to get an education with the aim of distinctively religious work will find in the Northwestern all that heart and mind can crave, and any communication addressed to Mr. Robert Moyer, Dean of Men, or Miss Marie Acomb, Dean of Women, 20 South 11th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will have immediate attention. Dr. W. B. Riley was the founder, and is the Superintendent of the School.

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SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

sky is solid. It simply says that it looks like a "molten looking-glass." Well, no one will dispute the simile. It is also stated that the heavens are spread out as a curtain. The Hebrew word, rakiya, does not mean something solid, as metal beaten out thin, but has a far more delicate and accurate signification. It means "thinness" which describes as well as it may be described the etheric atmosphere around the earth. The "firmament" which surrounds the earth, is not "firm," nor does the Hebrew permit of any such translation. When the Septuagint translators came across this word in their ignorance, and desiring to express the view of their time, they changed the original word to another,—"firmamentum,"—which, therefore is another mistranslation. The curtain alluded to in the Scripture and the "tent" to dwell in, refer to the fact that the vast expanse of the skies serves as a tabernacle or place to dwell in for the countless stars and suns which occupy the unfathomable realms of space.

The reference to "waters" above the firmament and the waters below the firmament, constitutes one of the most amazing scientific truths to be found in the Book. It is a well-known fact that God has really put 40 or 50,000 billion tons of water up in the air above the earth. This is literally another ocean separated from the oceans in the great basins of the earth, by the firmament. This watery vapor is necessary for the life of mankind, as without it to hold the heat received from the sun daily, it would be impossible to live on earth because of the tremendous extremes in the temperature.

So, the Bible does not teach that the earth is flat but rather that it is a sphere, and in Job 26:7 it shows that "He hangeth the earth upon nothing," a marvellous statement to appear in this Book written at least 3,000 years ago before modern science had discovered anything of the kind.

Amos 9:6 and Job 26:11 are quoted. These read as follows: "It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop on the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out on the face of the earth; the Lord is his name."

What is there here antagonistic to science? We believe there are different heavens, for instance, the heaven of the birds, and one for the stars, etc. The word, "stories" seems to be a good one.

Then the critic says the Bible teaches that "the sun, moon and stars moved within this firmament for the special purpose of illumining man." Well, what error is contained in Gen. 1:14-19, the passage given us as erroneous. This sublime Scripture is as follows, "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons and for days and for years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so. And God made two great lights (He did not CREATE them at this time, take note, but simply relighted them) the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

Can anyone prove any other use for the sun, moon and stars, may we ask? This is supremely accurate science.

And who knows where the shadowy dead are kept? One person's guess is as good as another, so why find fault with the idea incorporated in Isaiah 14:9-11 although this particular passage refers to Satan who is cast down there to meet many of his satellites.

And the cock-sure critic takes exception to the truth that God's reconstruction work was done in six literal days. **Why not in six literal days?** There is nothing strange, impossible, nor unscientific in this. Let him read the recent work of the Italian geologist, and chemist, Bartoli, who writes on Creation and shows from the standpoint of the best modern science this must have been the case. The God of the universe surely did not require vast millions of years to do His creative work.

This article from the persuasive but deluded pen of one of the leaders of Modernism, in its blasphemous attempt to degrade God and His Book to the level of humanity, is one of the subtle devices of an angered Satan, who works frantically in these "last days" of **almost universal apostasy** to win men and women away from belief in an Infallible Bible and allegiance to the Christ of the Bible. Let no one be deceived by its obvious sophistries and its assured unscientific inaccuracies. These attacks come from those who profess a love for the Old Book, and to be followers of Jesus Christ. Yet they hasten to deny to Christ the Omniscience which His Diety must have conferred upon Him. Jesus gave His imprimatur to the ENTIRE Old Testament, and who is he that dare, call Him a liar or ignorant?

The Scientific Accuracy of the Sacred Scriptures

Rev. W. B' Riley, D. D.

"Thy word is true from the beginning" (Psa. 119:160), is an expression of the Psalmist that must be explained away before one can pit Science and the Sacred Scriptures against each other. Arthur Pierson thinks the Psalmist meant to say that from the first word, the Sacred Scriptures are true.

The modern method of study objects to any assumption. It insists that every theme and thing shall be subjected to whatever tests are essential in the establishment of its claims. To this, intelligent believers take no exception. If the Bible will not bear investigation; if scrutiny discloses shortcomings; if research disproves its assertions; if true Science discredits its clear claims, let it fall! We could forfeit it without a tear; join in digging its grave without regret, and return to the duties of life smitten by no serious bereavement.

True, it is serious business to discredit a book which has accomplished for the world what the Bible has wrought; but it would be more serious to believe a lie, or even to accept an irresponsible chart in making one's way over the sea of life. True, the Bible "was not written to show how the heavens go," but rather "how to go to heaven"; it is not a text book on "Science," but a guide book for "godly living." And yet, when it addresses itself at all to a subject of scientific concern, it should essentially speak the truth, if it makes the claim of inspiration! When we study the words of men, however wise they may be, we expect to come upon mistakes. When we read, and properly understand, what "God hath spoken" we anticipate no such results. "Let God be found true; but every man a liar." "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar."

"But," we are told, "God has two books. One we call 'Nature,' the other 'Revelation'; He is just as certainly the author of the former as of the latter; one is the work of His hands and the other the fruit of His lips." What Jesus, when once he stooped down and wrote in the sand, expressed, we do not know. But can any man imagine that His writings in the sand were out of harmony with His spoken addresses? Is it possible that an all-wise God has produced in Nature and in Revelation contradictory volumes?

We have no fear whatever that the Scriptures must be maintained at the expense of Science; and we are fully persuaded that true Science will never be established at the cost of Scripture. The thing to be feared is, that the dust of false reasoning (of which the air is full today) will get into the eyes of men, and make it impossible for one to read from the Sacred Page, and for another to see the meaning of the open book of Nature; and so, for either, to discern the perfect agreement between God's Word and God's Work.

First of all, then, let us give

The Definition of the Terms Involved

What is Science? Can we improve upon the Standard Dictionary's statement—"Knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking; especially as methodically formulated and arranged in a rational system"? That definition takes you at once out of the realm of speculation. It disposes of such terms as "theory" and "hypothesis," making them possible servants of Science, but never its synonyms. It is admitted that almost every assertion made in the name of Science a hundred years since, is now out of date; and, while this clearly demonstrates our progress, it also suggests that we are still in the hypothetical and theoretical stage. No one would dispute that Sir Isaac Newton was somewhat of a scientist; nor yet that Tyndall was equally worthy the name; and yet when they take exactly opposite positions concerning the refraction of light, both may be wrong, but both cannot be right. Huxley and Darwin are names that somehow sit easily together in the same sentence, and yet these men, working in almost the same realm, are not always in agreement. The explanation is easy—"the verification of knowledge by exact observation and correct thinking" is the highest accomplishment of which the human mind is capable, and not every man who cries "Eureka" has found it. This is not to inveigh against the sincerity of investigators, nor even to deride their conclusions, but only to call attention to the most patent fact of their experience! "Knowledge, gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking," will never be overthrown by mortal men, nor yet by God. God would dethrone Himself by such an endeavor! True Science will stand!

What is Scripture? Paul defines "all Scripture" as that which is "God-breathed," and the process of it is "that holy men of old spake as they were moved (or borne along) by the Holy Ghost"! Knowing himself to be of that company, Paul affirms, "We speak not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words." If one runs through the Old Testament he will find God everywhere assuming the Authorship of the Sacred Scriptures. The phrases are like these, "The Lord spake unto Moses saying," "These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel"; "The Lord spake unto Joshua"; "The words of the commandment of the Lord," etc. Not scores, but hundreds of times, does God claim to be the Author of both the thought and the language of the Holy Book. David declares, "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue." (2 Sam. 23:2.) To me it is the most remarkable evidence of the skepticism of the age that because there are some difficulties in the theory of Verbal Inspiration, men are willing to throw it away, and adopt such notions as are now current, to the effect that God simply stimulated the thought, but did not determine the speech; that some parts of the Bible are literally true, and others are only allegory; that some are fact, others only fiction; that some are to be treated with credence and others with criticism; that all must come to the test of one's "inner consciousness," and, at that court, be either accepted or rejected.

The same men who so define "Inspiration" or "illumination," or whatever it is, would go into court tomorrow to insist upon the settlement of an estate, in which they were named as heirs, on a **verbal basis.** They would call the attention of attorneys and judge to what was "written," and unless they had some unrighteous end to be conserved, they would permit no departure from **the very words** in which the testator expressed himself. It is little wonder, therefore, that the New Testament writers, who may be conceded to have known what the Scriptures were, refer to the Old Testament more than eighty times, as that "which is written." Never once did they abandon the verbal interpretation of the same.

If the words of the Old Testament were "the words of God," perhaps no believer, at least, will dispute that the New Testament stands upon the same level. And so the Bible does not "contain the Scriptures,"—the Bible is the Scriptures — God's revealed Word, which can hardly have been given to men with less care than any intelligent, faithful father would show in framing the article that bequeathed his possessions to his children. If, in civil courts, the lightest word of the testator is the weightiest law, who will dare to treat with contempt, thought or pharse found in the Divine Will?

Mark you, there is a decided difference between the plain statement of the Sacred Scriptures and some absurd opinion. It may be, that in the centuries of the past an uninstructed Christian conceived the world as having a flat surface, the sky as a roof, and the stars as holes through the same. Kepler, who was something of a scientist, once expressed the conviction that the world was a living animal. Is that assertion to be confounded with Science? Fanciful interpretations in the one realm are just as common as in the other; and they neither prove nor disprove anything. I do not have to harmonize the Scriptures with the absurd statements of every man who may speak in the name of Science; and I do not have to harmonize Science with the assertions of every man who may mistakenly appeal to Moses, or even to Christ. Science is God's voice in Nature; the Scriptures are God's voice in grace, and it does not fall to the lot of any mortal man to harmonize them; the harmony is in Him. He cannot contradict himself!

To say the least, it is a strange procedure when a man proclaims as his theme, "The Harmony between Science and Scripture," and then shows how that comes to pass by just quietly disposing of the latter; by saying, for instance, that the first chapter of Genesis is "the best that Moses knew,—the impression of that early age, but a mistake none the less." Is that harmony? It is not, rather, annihilation? It may let you out of your difficulty, but you escape at the expense of inspiration; and to the unspeakable loss of the people. There used to be an eccentric preacher in Kentucky well known to the author. He did no great amount of study, and yet he commonly preached with unction. One day he found himself before an audience with no unction on hand; even thoughts refused to come. He floundered through a few illformed sentences, and then, squarely facing his audience, he said, "Brethren and sisters, you think I have got into the brush and can't get out, don't you? Well, I'll show you; we'll just look to the Lord and be dismissed"! But let it be understood that when you dismiss the claims of the Sacred Book and walk out of your difficulties, you have lost the divine message and left the hungry multitudes unsatisfied.

Genesis in Science and Scripture

It will scarcely be disputed that so far as men have seen any inharmony between the Sacred Scriptures and Science, the first chapter of Genesis has been made the storm center. On that account I invite your attention to this part of the Word, and dare the assertion that its careful study, instead of demonstrating the inharmony between Science and Scripture, will reveal the most undreamed of

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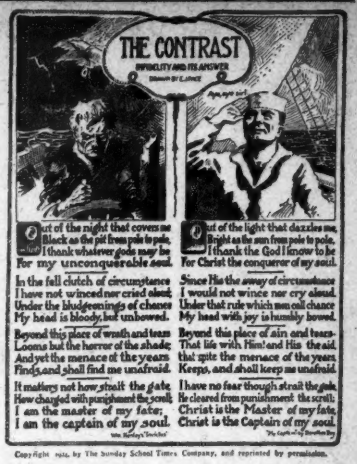

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The Issue Stated

It is a dangerous venture to lift the voice against intrenched bigotry, but the time has come when some of us should register a protest. For a generation the schools of America have been in the grip of a strange philosophy which really has become a religion, and when any man lifts a protest against this fortified error he is called ignorant and an enemy of Science! For in the generation of intrenchment organized ignorance, under the banner of evolution, has persuaded the scholarly classes that the opponent of their exploded theory has no right to be heard on the grounds that **all scientists agree on the fact of evolution, and anything else is not science!**

The author feels he does not have to defend himself from the charge of antagonism to science, as he is professionally engaged in scientific research, but it will not be wasted words to take space to say **he is a friend of true science. There is a difference between science and scientific opinion,** and it is the latter that is often meant when we say "modern" science.

A science is a correlated body of absolute knowledge. When knowledge on a subject has been refined and is **absolute,** the knowledge of those facts becomes the science of that subject. But "modern" science is the opinion of current thot on many subjects, and has not yet been tested or proved. When the test is made, this "modern" science generally fails, and passes on to new theories and hypotheses, but this never hinders a certain type of dogmatists from falling into the same error, and positively asserting a new theory as a scientifically established fact. The author desires to clearly distinguish in this article between true science, (which is knowledge gained and verified) and "modern" science, which is so largely speculation and theory.

It is this "modern" science which has become the fetish of modern American scholastic youth. Whatever is promulgated in the name of "modern science" is eagerly accepted at its face value, so with a faith infantile and a credulity amazing and vast, they swallow the camel of science and strain out the gnat of scripture.

The conditions among the student bodies of the nation are causing many earnest thinkers grave concern. In many cases the so-called scholarly classes are becoming infidel to the ancient and traditional faith of America, and there are breakers ahead! How many parents have sent their sons and daughters to college with hearts of faith and received them back practical infidels the records will never show, but the aggregate number is appaling. Students in many cases laugh at the church and sneer at Christian faith because it is "not scientific" and turn their backs on Godly living and Holiness of conduct, to make shipwreck of their lives as they drift away from every mooring that would hold in times of stress. Without faith what can science do for the soul? The answer startled the world these few months past, when two prize students in a famous University killed a lad with brutality and violence, as a scientific experiment! and were defended by an avowed and rank atheist. This was only logical, for atheism and violence always go hand in hand.

"Modern" Science brings certain specific accusations against the church of Jesus Christ, and as a scientist I have examined the indictment. In the course of this examination I found that the "modern scientists" are guilty of every charge they lay at the door of the church! One by one we will examine them, and see how "modern" science betrays the trust of youth.

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Modern Science is Sectarian

The first charge laid at the door of the church is this; sectarianism. I am told the Methodists are fighting the Presbyterians, the Baptists are at war with the Congregationalists, and the various denominations are engaged in a sectarian battle to the death. I say I am told that, but as I travel back and forth across the land I fail to find it is so. There may have been a time when it was so, but the man who speaks thus is about twenty years behind the times. **The only war I see now is the battle between the Christians and the modernists;** and that is so general it can hardly be called sectarian.

But "modern" science is guilty of this very charge! More bitter by far than any conflict of church sects is the armed battle between various camps of "modern" science!

The Paleontologists are at war with the Geologists!

In the issue of Science dated Feb. 8, 1924, (Vol. 59, No. 1519) there is an interesting case of "modern" science in the article labeled "Gizzard Stones of Dinosaurs Exhibited." In this article Dr. Willis T. Lee makes the statement that the Dinosaurs of ancient times were the linear progenitors of the modern fowls." He bases this surprising statement on the fact that the ancient Dinosaurs had a gizzard, and the modern chicken has a gizzard, so the chicken must be the linear descendent of the Dinosaur! He says "all wise folks know this." So speaks the Geologist.

Then in the Issue of Science dated March 14, 1924, (Vol. 59, No. 1524) a noted Paleontologist takes exception to this statement, and starts the war of words. Dr. Junius Henderson, of the University of Colorado, enters the lists for scientific accuracy, and in a few remarkably well chosen words knocks the positive assertions of Dr. Lee into a cocked hat! Dr. Henderson calls attention to the fact that these fossil animals may not have had a gizzard at all! That gastroliths, or gizzard stones, found with fossil bones are not a proof of a prehistoric gizzard, as gastroliths are today found in the stomachs of many animals that have no gizzard! as for instance the seals, sea-lions, some snakes and lizards. Dr. Henderson continues:

"Also the unqualified statement that birds are the linear descendants of dinosaurs will incline many to wonder just who proved this and how! The term has very exact significance and the relationship it suggests has certainly not been demonstrated in this case."

So the scientific sect of the Paleontologists are at outs with the sect called Geologists!

The sect of the Geologists have their innings, however, when they take a swat at the sect of the Anthropologists. In another issue of Science, (which, by the way, is the official weekly organ of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and so therefore authoritative;) an article appeared by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution. By those who are acquainted with current science, Dr. Hrdlicka is rated as the greatest living American Anthropologist and the peer of any living anywhere. In this article Dr. Hrdlicka decries the wild guesses of some enthusiastic excavators in Florida, who upon no real evidence gleefully announce the finding of human relics several million years old! This noted authority says it is not so; we have no American relics anywhere in the United States much older than three thousand years!

This man is an authority, he ought to know. But in a subsequent issue of Science, a Geologist from the University of Texas attacks the statement of Dr. Hrdlicka, and says he cannot know what he is talking about: **Only the geologist can speak on a question of time!**

Then the sect of the Archaeologists takes a whack at the Geologists. In the issue of Science dated Sept. 18, 1925, (Vol. 62, No. 1603) there is a valuable and scientifically illuminating article by Dr. W. H. Holmes, Archeologist of the Smithsonian Institution. The title of the article is **"The Antiquity Phantom in American Archeology."** I consider it one of the most **scientific** articles on archeological procedure to appear in twenty years. Dr. Holmes decries the highly colored tales of amateur scientists, and says they are soon forgotten, but **"when geological chronology is appealed to by explorers, whose statements and conclusions find a place in scientific journals, the case becomes more serious and deserves more than a passing notice."** Then he refers to an article published in the American Journal of Science by F. B. Loomis, who thinks he has proved the Pleistocene ancestry of man! After a remarkable analysis of the insufficient evidence and an arraignment of the unwarranted conclusions drawn therefrom, Dr. Holmes lays out the Geologists in these words: **"Geologists are slow to recognize the fact that human relics belonging on or near the surface are liable to intrusion by various means into older underlying deposits, and that to considerable depths."** Dr. Holmes concludes by saying such procedure is dangerous to the cause of science. **Get this issue of Science from your local library and read this entire illuminating article:** I have only room to quote thus briefly that the case may be clear: **there is secratian science!**

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The second charge laid at the door of the church is dogmatism. So I take the challenge, and after careful study I find that **Modern Science is Dogmatic.** First, I find that the dogmatism of modern science is evidenced in the frequent statements of unproved theories as proved fact. The church may be dogmatic on points of doctrine that have weathered the storms of critical inquiry for centuries of time; but it is inexcusable when "scientists" dogmatise on unproven and unprovable theory. More than ever is this dangerous practice reprehensible when this dogmatic error is offered in place of faith and truth, and given in exchange for the one safe guard of life! The youth of the land are today asked to leave their anchorage on the Rock of Ages for a footing in the slime of "scientific" lies!

Many, many times we hear theory stated in absolute and positive terms of fiat fact. The animal ancestry of man; definite ages in terms of years for rock systems and strata: ages of fossil relics no man can date! These and many others are cases in point.

The first, the dogmatic statement of man's animal origin, has never been proved. Not only that, but recent scientific discoveries have made the theory scientifically untenable, as I shall show in a series of forthcoming booklets in this series. The old argument of the dogmatic teacher: "all authorities agree:," is not acceptable as **evidence** any more. **I looked up seven of these quoted "authorities" one time, and they all quoted Haekel! They agreed, all right, but what did they agree upon, except that Haekel had said a certain thing!**

The second, the ages of systems of rocks so ancient no man can know even remotely the time of their origin, passes the realm of the scientific for that of the ridiculous.

A guide in the Yellowstone Park was showing a party of Geologists the famous obsidian cliffs there. One of the party, to test the guide, asked, "How old are these cliffs?" The guide responded without hesitation: "Fifty thousand and six years old!" Somewhat taken aback the scientist said, "How do you know so accurately?" and the Guide replied. "I came here six years ago, and they were fifty thousand years old then!"

No more scientific and hardly less humorous was the case of the Professor of Geology in a College in California. (Name on request!) One day a member of his geology class asked him, "Professor, how do you determine the age of a stratum of rock?" The Professor replied, "The age of a stratum of rock is determined by the fossils it contains." Ten days later the student asked, "How do you know the age of a fossil?" Forgetting the former question the Professor said: **"The age of a fossil is determined by the rock in which it is found!"**

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THE SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

agreement in these great books of God.

First of all, think of the argument from fifteen facts in order.

First fact, in order—God created the heavens; second fact—"and the earth"; third—water; fourth—light; fifth—firmament; sixth—grass; seventh—herb; eighth—tree; ninth—appearance of heavenly bodies; tenth—fish; eleventh — moving things — twelfth—fowls; thirteenth — creeping things; fourteenth—cattle; fifteenth—man!

Now, the latest science will consent to this order of creation. The heavens were certainly made first; the earth certainly made second; water certainly appear third; light, fourth; firmament next; grass thereafter, the manifestation of sun and moon, ninth; the appearance of fish—tenth; moving things — eleventh; fowls — twelfth; creeping things—thirteenth; cattle, etc., fourteenth, and last—man.

Other writers have called attention to the unspeakable significance of this order when considered before the laws of permutation. The Standard Dictionary says, "The number of permutations of any given number of things, taken all at a time, is equal to the product of the natural numbers from one up to the number given, inclusive."

Now, if Moses only spake the science of his times, he knew practically nothing of the order of creation. Consequently he must guess at it. He must guess whether the heavens or the earth were first formed. In his day no man imagined that the heavenly bodies were bigger than the earth and all men supposed that they moved about it. How then does it happen that Moses, when he came to guess which was first formed, the heavens or the earth, mentioned the heavens in the primary place? You say, "Well, it was an easy accident, since there was only one other alternative." Did you ever hear the story of the Irishman who, meeting a neighbor, said, "We have a fine baby at our house this marnin'." "What is it?" asked the interested friend. "Guiss"! "A girl," said the neighbor. "No, sir; guiss again"! "A boy." "Now, who's bin tellin' ye?" To be sure, Moses had but one chance out of two on this arrangement. But he got it right!

Third fact—the appearance of water. Here Moses' task was not so easy, for it was not one in three, but one in six, according to the law of permutation. It could have been the heavens, first; water, second; earth third—but that was not true. It could have been the earth first, water second and the heavens third—but that was not true. It could have been the earth first and the heavens second and the water last, but that was not true. In other words, there are six different arrangements of these relations. 1-2-3, 1-3-2, 2-1-3, 2-3-1, 3-2-1, 3-1-2. But Moses somehow struck the right one. A good guesser! Introduce light and you make twenty-four such relations. Moses hit it again. One chance in twenty-four, but he was the lucky man.

When you get to the fifth, you have 120 possible orders. Strange to say, Moses does not miss it!

When you get to the sixth, you have 720. In other words there are 719 chances against you. But Moses got it right!

When you get to the seventh, you have 5,040. In other words, 5,039 chances against him. But Moses hit it!

When you get to the eighth you have 40,320. Not a glorious prospect of striking it straight, but still Moses accomplishes it!

When you get to the ninth, you only have one chance in 362,880!

When you get to the tenth you have only one chance in 3,628,800!

When you get to the eleventh, 39,916,800. When you get to the fifteenth, one chance in 1,307,674,367,900. And yet, strange to say, in the whole arrangement, he never misses!

Go dig up Bob Ingersoll, and give the poor fellow a chance to apologize for ever having spoken of the "mistakes of Moses." Bob should not come alone.

But this is not the end. We make bold to assert that from the beginning to the end of Genesis, 1st Chapter, there is not a blunder from a scientific standpoint. It is scientific that the heavens were created first, and the earth second. The very latest science would tell you that the earth was "waste and void" and the "darkness" resulting from the nebulous state, "was upon the face of the deep." For a long time Science spoke of the third verse of Genesis as certainly involving a mistake, "And God said, Let there be light and there was light." This, in advance of the appearance of the sun, supposed to be the only source of light; but finally La Place declared it to be a scientific certainty, that in the condensation of the originally formless chaos, there was such molecular and chemical action as must have emitted great volumes of light. No wonder Boardman, in his "Creative Week," says, "Why will the Academy vote Moses a blunderer for declaring that light existed before the sun appeared, and yet vote La Place a scientist for affirming precisely the same thing?"

The next point of scientific attack was upon the fifth verse, "And there was evening, and there was morning, one day." It was boldly asserted that Moses supposed all this change from chaos to cosmos took place in twenty-four hours. But mark you, Moses does not refer to twenty-four hours at all! "From evening to morning" is only twelve hours. You will not have finished this chapter before it is made perfectly clear that Moses is not speaking of twenty-four hour days, He knew the law of herbs, yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit after their kind; and these things are not accomplished in a day. It took seasons to produce fruit, and even many years, to mature trees and make them reproductive. And yet that whole process he mentions as in the third day. Again Moses names three successive days before the sun and moon appear. Without the sun's rays to mark off a twenty-four hour day, a solar day is impossible. What is God's Day, according to the Bible? In the second chapter, the entire creation, from start to finish, is mentioned as having occurred in a day. It could not, therefore, according to Moses, mean twenty-four hours. **What is a "yom" with God?** Peter tells us "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years." (2 Pet. 3:8) Moses, himself, in the ninetieth, Psalm, declares that "a thousand years in God's sight were but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night" and that he is speaking of this very period is evident in the context, where he says, "Before the mountains were brought forth and Thou gavest birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting (From Olam to Olam; or, era to era) Thou art God."

But surely Moses was mistaken in the eighth verse, "And God called the firmament heaven"? Even Mr. Huxley slipped here, by charging Moses with believing that the heaven was a solid substance, resting like a canopy over the earth. But Mr. Huxley was not a Hebrew scholar; hence his mistake. The Hebrew word translated "firmament" means "expanse." Can you improve it by your latest scientific expression?

The ninth verse also reveals the remarkable wisdom vouchsafed to this man, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place, and let the dry land appear." There was not a man in the earth at that time that knew, or could have known, that all the seas were linked together, whereas the continents are divided. But exploration has proven it. Dana, in his Manual of Geology says that while the continents are separated, the seas occupy one bed. As to the order of the appearance of life, Genesis and geology are exactly together, beginning with grass, and ending with man. There is not a geological mistake in Genesis.

Equally remarkable is the fact that instead of speaking of the sun and moon as giving their light from the first, Moses holds back their rays until the fourth day; at which time he does not declare they were created, for that belonged in the opening sentence, "In the beginning God created the heavens"—but they were made to "divide the day from the night," "and to be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years." Many scientists believe that the earth took on its present angle of axis at this very period in its development, when it cooled to the point where the vapors condensed and fell upon it as water. And we know that without that axis-angle, determining its relation to the sun and moon, our seasons would fail, and we would return to an ice-age!

Now, as to whether the law of generation as set forth in Gensis, "every seed after its kind," is true, whether the origin of species is by "natural selection," the whole weight of discovery is with Genesis and against Darwin. The truth of Gensis, we know, from the lowest form of grass to soulful man; everything is bringing forth "after its kind." We have seen that law executed tens of thousands of times and in millions of forms. The creation of a new species, by natural selection, no man has ever yet seen. Why, therefore, should we imagine that there is any conflict between Scripture and Science? At every point where it is possible to institute a comparison that is reliable, an utter agreement appears. The rocks, from the lowest stratum to the last laid down, confirm the facts of God's creative week.

"A glory gilds the Sacred page,
Majestic like the sun,
It gives a light to every age,
It gives but borrows none.

The hand that gave it still supplies
The gracious light and heat;
His truths upon the nations rise,
They rise, but never set."

Permit me to mention some other **inexplicable instances of Science in Scripture.** Harvey, in modern times, discovered the circulation of the blood, and declared its relation to life. Moses affirmed it three thousand years ago, "The life is in the blood." You have heard Galileo glorified for having discovered that this part of the universe was heliocentric and not geocentric, as the ancients supposed; and Newton honorably mentioned for his great discovery of the law of gravitation. The Scriptures declared both a few thousand years before these brethren were born. Job declared of the dayspring, that it "takes hold of the ends of the earth: it is turned as clay to the seal" (38:13), and as for gravitation, while scientists and churchmen alike were adopting theories of the earth's support, akin to the old maps and atlases some of us used to carry to school showing Atlas holding up the world by his huge shoulders, or akin to that which the Hindus now hold, namely, that it was a flat plane, with possible stories above and below, held up by the heads of elephants, with their tails turned out, and their feet resting on the shell of an immense tortoise, and the tortoise in turn on the coil of a snake, Job was remonstrating in these words, "He hangeth the earth upon nothing" (26:7)—the very deliverance of your latest Science!

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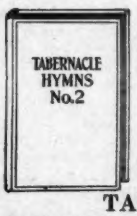

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"ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW UPHELD"

been assessed by the jury, not by the judge. But it holds, nevertheless, that he was guilty of breaking a valid law. The court takes the position that Scopes was an employee of the State; in dictating what he should or should not teach, was well within its rights, and was not interfering with his liberty to teach whatever he pleased in schools not supported by public taxation.

As the law now stands, the theory of evolution of man must not be taught in any State supported school of Tennessee, but the Supreme Court remarks that nothing contrary to that theory is required to be taught. It goes on to say that if biology teachers find themselves too much hampered by the law, "this course of study may be entirely omitted from the curriculum of our schools." It adds, "If this be regarded as a misfortune, it must be charged to the legislature."

Senator John W. Butler, author of the law in question, was in the court room when the decision was made known, and according to the Nashville **Tennesseean**, he paused in his writing to wipe away a tear as the court sustained the law that vindicated his religious belief. The article which Mr. Butler was then writing contains this statement, which voices the feeling of his constituents:

"Darwin dope shall not rob our children of future hope. The doctrine that man was created in the image of God is the belief of our people, and not that we have an animal origin, having evolved from numerous forms of life through millions of years, and in the meantime having shed numerous tails and scales, etc.

"Those who look to a zoological garden to find their ancestors were peeved on account of the law, while on the other hand all those who look to the Garden of Eden for their ancestors are proud that the Tennessee legislature passed the law. We are proud that on account of it the immortal William Jennings Bryan came to Tennessee, and in the first skirmish of the battle of the ages, which was fought at Dayton, made the supreme sacrifice for Tennessee and Christianity.' "

In ironic eloquence, the Montgomery **Advertiser** says, "The press of Tennessee during the Scopes trial was weak and vacillating in the presence of this act of violence against the liberty of the human mind," and it goes on to name names:

"The Nashville **Banner** hailed the advent of Bryan at Dayton as if he were John the Baptist returned to earth. The Memphis **Commercial Appeal** denounced every critic of the Butler act and defended the law. Many other dailies followed this lead, except that in Chattanooga, fortunately, **The Times** stood gallantly by its guns and defended freedom of research.

"By happy contrast, the daily press of such States as Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and North Carolina, is generally opposed to such restrictive and unnecessary legislation. There is one sisterly daily journal in North Carolina that upholds the Butler-Bryan point of view, and possibly one in Mississippi. In Alabama there is not among the dailies, large or small, a single advocate of legislation of this kind."

But, after all, the press is not the final authority in such matters. There is a final seat of judgment before which every institution, including the newspapers, must bow in recognition —the sentiment of the middle classes. The masses are saying "NO" to evolution, and their word is final.

THE CHRIST OF HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE

Prof. L. S. Keyser

These are trying times. Many people do not realize how crucial they are. They sit quietly at ease, and read very little. They do not know what is going on in the world. Yet there are many other people who do read, and are thus affected seriously and balefully by the infidelity that has of late become so bold and outspoken.

In a widely circulated infidel magazine, Dr. Joseph McCabe, the noted English advocate of evolution, recently wrote an article calling Jesus a myth and pathetically bidding farewell to the "gentle Galilean." A month later he put up a lengthy argument against the existence of God, preferring a purely mechanistic universe to one created and upheld by a divine being.

And now comes the flaming announcement of a new book by George Brandes, the world-famous Danish author, with the title, "Jesus a Myth." It has been translated into English, and is widely heralded by an American publishing firm. Even The Nation, in its review, practically endorses Brandes' view, although it admits that Christ may have been a real character.

Many persons will be led into unbelief by such books, many of which are now being put on the market, and the big daily papers are advertising them without stint. We hope that some competent historical scholar, like Dr. John A. Faulkner, of Drew Theological Seminary, will write a book in reply to Brandes' work. Some years ago (1916) Dr. Thomas J. Thorburn wrote a notable book entitled, "The Mythical Interpretation of the Gospels," which won the Bross Prize, and we believed at the time had completely demolished the mythical theory of Christ; but it seems that "error crushed to earth will rise again," and here in the contentions of McCabe and Brandes we have the saying verified.

Of course, at this time and place we cannot take up the historical features of the problem, except to say that it certainly would be difficult to account for the rise, spread and salutary influence of Christianity if its founder was only a myth. How could such an institution come into existence without a historical basis and personality? You cannot account for Confucianism without Confucius, nor for Buddhism without Buddha, nor for Mohammedanism without Mohammed. Now, then, how can you explain Christianity without Christ? Of course, some myths gathered around Christ, as they did about other religious founders, but that certainly cannot mean that even those myths did not have a historical foundation.

However, there is one fact that utterly disproves the contention that Jesus was a myth. That fact is Christian experience; the experience of the new birth and of the continued presence of Jesus. If Jesus was only a myth, how did it occur that when you and I came to Him in prayer, asking Him to give us the assurance of truth and pardon, He answered our petition and put His Spirit into our hearts to bear witness with our spirits that we are the children of God? How could a mythical being give men such an experience?

Or if Jesus really lived, and died, and was buried in a Syrian grave, but never rose from the dead, how could He, so many centuries later, impart to penitent and inquiring souls the inner certitude of pardon and truth? No kind of being but a real, living and present being could give to men such a precious experience. And there is a great "cloud of witnesses" to the fact that they have been converted through the power and grace of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, in the light of Christian experience, which no man has a right to question or challenge, it is impossible to hold that Christ was anything but what the New Testament sets Him forth to be, the divine Savior of the world, a real historical Redeemer, living today and present everywhere to save men from sin and assure them of His truth.

STRATON COULD STAND IT NO LONGER

Rev. John Roach Straton, the scholarly Fundamentalist preacher of New York City, fearlessly declared his "Declaration of Independence" from the rich, modernistic machine which he charges is dominating the Baptist Church. Observers have been watching Dr. Straton for years since he is one of the fearless Baptist preachers of America. The following statement is taken from a recent press report:

"The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton read his declaration of independence from 'that over-head machine, that self-constituted authority that is seeking to control and dominate' the Baptist church, last night at the evening service in Calvary Baptist church. His congregation, with loud applause, endorsed his stand. Doctor Straton's talk was a discussion of the reasons why he believes the Baptist church has lost its power.

"As a foundation for his charges of domination and modernism, Doctor Straton gave the chief principles upon which the Baptist Church was founded. These, he said, were faith in the Living God; belief in the Bible as divine revelation; baptism by immersion; the right of the individual soul to come to God; and the independence of the local church.

" 'All these principles have been violated by the ecclesiastical machinery that has been built up, and is now trying to rule, the Baptist church,' he said. As proof of this he instanced the action of the Southern New York Baptist association, when it 'tried to tie on the ordination of ministers to the association.' If this machine could control the ordination of ministers, he said, it could shut out Fundamentalists and so control the church.

"Doctor Straton said paid employes of the church, secretaries and mission boards were Modernists and declared that a close corporation existed, in defiance of the principles of church independence. There was more deference to the wishes of '26 Broadway' than to the Almighty, he added.

"He concluded by saying: 'I am done with this overhead machine. I will not serve under it. I will not give one cent, or speak one word, to support it. I have but one master, and Him will I serve.' "

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pare the two questions and answers, and see the folly of scientific dogmatism.)

It is generally conceded that the fossil records were all formed ages before the appearance of man. The truth of this concession is not the case in point here, I call attention to the scientist's own belief to discredit his dogmatism. How can a man know the ages of fossils formed "millions of years" before there was a man? So when we read of rock and fossil records dated with exact terms of years, we face a simple case of pure dogmatic guessiology.

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"Modern" Science is Frequently Mistaken!

The scientific critic of the church laughs at the funny mistakes we have made in the past, but the most ridiculous errors possible have been and are being made by "modern" science. This however never deters them from making the same gross claims in absolute finality of sureness; they never seem to learn.

The mistakes of "science" are many and varied, let me name a few. One old gentleman some years ago said the Bible was wrong and not infallible, because it said the children of Israel were to be as countless as the stars of the heavens. This he said was an error, as there were just one-hundred and eighty-five thousand stars, and there were more Jews than that living in just his own city! Was he right? As to the number of Jews he may have been, as to the number of stars he was not. There are now known to be three hundred and sixty-five million solar systems; we know of one hundred and fifty thousand million "stars" and that does not take in the individuals of the spiral nebulae!

The distance to the stellar bodies has been measured on the mechanics of the Newtonian theory; but now they have to be measured again on the mechanics of the Einstein theory, for they have learned Newton was wrong.

Some years ago in the East a storm tore away the scarp of a hill and revealed the skeletons of some twenty-five adult male human beings. The find was examined by a company of eminent scientists, who said it was a most important discovery, as they were all buried in Pleistocene formation, and were undoubtedly a hundred and fifty thousand years old at the very least! The fame of this discovery was quickly spread, and an old man came down from the hills to see them. When he saw these ancient skeletons he began to laugh, and pressed for a reason for his mirth, said, "My folks were among the first settlers in this region, and my father pioneered this section. The few whites had great difficulties with the maraudering bands of bad Indians who stole their stock and did worse, and one day the white folks ambushed these Indians, killed twenty-five or thirty, and buried them there. That was about seventy years ago!"

I have in my possession a petrified human skull I excavated in the swamps of south eastern Missouri, where the Ozark Mountains begin to rise. This was a wonderful find; and many Geologists looked at it with interest. I still have it in my extensive collection, and intend to keep it. When I first showed it to my Geological friends I asked how old it was, and they unhesitatingly agreed it was at least twenty-five thousand years old. This on the basis of the number of years it would take bone to petrify. The truth of this matter is, **this skull can not be older than two hundred and fifty years, as I found buried with it some old-fashioned hand hammered wrought iron nails!** The Colonial blacksmiths made many such on their anvils; but not twenty-five thousand years ago! Some poor misguided Indian traded all his furs and treasures for these iron nails and they buried these, his richest treasure, with him.

And this is the infallible science that would assail the very word of God, rob youth of its faith and hope and security, and which the "scholarly classes" so blindly follow!—such miracles of credulity religion has surely never seen.

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There is, however, a far more serious indictment of "modern" science than any of this.

"Modern" Science is Anti-Christian!

Here are the seeds of chaos and National failure. It will be too late to cry "God help America" when the harvest of scientific infidelity is ripe, all we can then do is reap. I recognize the serious nature of the awful words I have penned here, but I repeat, solemnly, thotfully, "modern" science is anti-Christian. Let me submit a proof or two. I shall ask these men to speak for themselves.

Dr. W. P. Barbellion:

"How I hate the man who talks about the 'Brute' creation with an ugly emphasis on the word brute! As for me, I am proud of my close kinship with other animals. I take a jealous pride in my Simian (monkey) Ancestry. I like to think I was once a magnificent hairy fellow living in the trees, and that my frame came down through Geological ages of time via Sea Jelly—and Worms—and Amphioxus—Fish, Dinosaurs, and Apes! **Who would exchange these for the pallid couple in the Garden of Eden?"** (Author's Note: I would! My ancestors were all white, or pallid, and I want no wormy granddads! I'll take Adam and Eve and leave the Professor the Fishing Worms!)

Next take a look at these words from page 15, "The Making of Humanity" by Robert Briffault.

"The self-creation of the Progeny of the Ape, by the sole operation of his inherent qualities and powers, by the unfolding of what was in him, **the Ape; the Brute—the Beast—the Savage, unaided by any external power**; in the face of the buffets of hostile Nature, of the intractabilities of his own constitution; into Man!—the Thinker—the Devisor—the aspirer after truth and justice; **Greater in his achievements and ideals than all the Gods he is capable of conceiving—**

If there is a fact before which we may truly bow in silent wonder and reverence, it is this!

Is this anti-Christian? Man himself greater than God! Greater in achievements! Greater even in ideals! Oh, man, greater than God, bow down and worship—**Yourself!** Then read Isaiah 14:12-14.

"And thou said in thy heart; I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God,.....I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will make myself like the Most High! **Therefore,** thou shalt be brought down to Sheol (Hell) to the uttermost parts of the Pit."

Much more of this evidence lies before me as I write; I have neither the space nor the heart to write more. When I remember that the students of America are fed this soulblasting and Satanic doctrine day after day, my heart fails me because of the danger to the entire Nation and the lost condition of the poor misled souls that follow these teachings. "Modern" science, the fetish of youth, is anti-Christian.

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The final count in the indictment is that

"Modern" Science Leads Youth Astray!

Five years ago when we listened to the testimony of College boys and girls, the tale had a monotonous similarity: leaving Christian homes they were suddenly exposed to the anti-Christian teaching of the teachers they thought were dependable, and following them in blind ignorance they gave up their old-fashioned faith for the new-fangled infidelity. Now the same story is told by many High School students, and the effect of these false teachings is being felt in even the lowest grades of the American public schools. Why not? The average school teacher is today teaching just what he or she learned while in College; and if the college students of a few years ago were taught infidelity, that is what they are passing on.

I recently talked with a judge of the United States Circuit Court, who had just been back to his Alma Mater on a visit, the first since graduation. He was received as an honored guest, a famous "old grad"; and was made to feel at home. He spoke a few words in the assembly, words of faith and trust. After the assembly he dropped into a science class, and was in time to hear the Professor make some facetious remarks about the "old fossil who talked in chapel." The Professor's remarks were so well received by the class he felt encouraged to go on, and he sneered at the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, called Him a martyr who died for a foolish ideal, scoffed at His resurection, and rudely jested about His return. The old Judge rose in indignation to defend the Lord Jesus, and the class jeered him to silence! He said he was so amazed he went on a tour of investigation, and he said he found "the faith, manners and morals" of the student body were gone.

A number of years ago, a lad in College was accused of a serious crime and tried in court. There were seven reputable men of science, nationally known and respected, who testified against him; and upon their testimony he was found guilty and sentenced to life in the penitentiary. Five years later new evidence was discovered that showed the seven men of science were mistaken in their testimony, and the lad was released. But he had lost five years of his life, and was a hardened, embittered jail bird!

Now this a parable. It never happened. **But something a thousand fold worse did!** Lads and lasses by the hundreds left their homes to attend college, where reputable men of standing and scientific authority testified to them that their Christian faith was simply a myth, and robbing them of confidence in the Bible and trust in Jesus Christ **they have condemned them to hell for ever! What a tragedy that when the "new evidence" is discovered that shows the "Modern" scientist is mistaken it is too late to save the souls of those who implicitly believed the testimony of solemnity authenticated lies!**

Why give up the unchanging word of God that has weathered the critical storms of ages, for the opinions of men of science, who will themselves forsake these same opinions every thirty days for something else?

When the "modern" scientists all agree as touching their theories, and prove those theories to be facts, when they keep those unchanging for two thousand years—we will have some faith in them!

The need of the hour is for men of courage who will fight for the faith once for all delivered to the Saints!

Preach the word in season and out, hold fast to the truth of God's word, and in time modern science will catch up to the facts and truth of the Bible.

Oh, Christian, keep that which is committed to Thy trust; avoiding profane and vain babblings; and the oppositions of Science falsely so called!

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That can set that land on fire.

"I know a soul that is steeped in sin,
That no man's art can cure;
But I know a Name, a, Name, a Name,
That can make that soul all pure.

"I know a life that is lost to God,
Bound down by things of earth;
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name,
That can bring that soul new birth.

"So listen, my heart, an angel speaks,
To save thy soul from dross;
Christ Jesus is the Name, the Name,
He saves by the way of the Cross."

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the phrase, "light as air," and yet we know that it has a weight of fifteen pounds to every square inch; and modern science could almost tell you exactly what was the awful pressure upon the face of the globe twenty-five thousand miles in circumference. This, however, was not information to the Old Testament writers! Job, one of the most ancient of them all, says of God, that "He makes a weight for the wind; yea, he meteth out the waters by measure." Galileo discovered that air has gravity; but thirty centuries before him, Job affirmed the same. It would seem, therefore, that inspiration is as accurate as experimentation.

It is only within a few years that weather bureaus have had any occasion; that men imagined storms of cloud and wind, and waves of heat and cold obeyed unchangeable laws, and might, therefore, be tabulated and reported even in advance of their arrival. But Solomon understood it and wrote long since, in Ecclesiates 1:6, "The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about unto the north. It turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits." It is only by modern discovery that men imagined that there were other sounds than those which our ears catch; but now we know that when we pass thirty-eight thousand vibrations per second, the ear cannot follow, and every heavenly body, in its motions, is making music, so that Job was not mistaken when he declared "the morning stars sang together," nor David when he declared of Jehovah, "Thou makest the morning and the evening to rejoice."

Arthur Pierson, after having called attention to some of these remarkable instances of agreement, says Shakespeare was right when he wrote:

"There's not the smallest orb which thou beholdest,
But in his motion, like an angel sings,
Still choiring to the young eyed cherubim.
Such harmony is in immortal souls;
But whilst this muddy vesture of decay
Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it."

But the most remarkable instance of Scripture anticipation of science was the late discovery of T. N. A., the highest explosive ever known or conceived.

A notable instance of the anticipation of modern scientific discovery by the ancient writers of the Scripture is found in Job, where God inquires of Job, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail?"

This word "treasure" has a very exact significance. Fiction is full of reference to buried treasure. What can possibly be the treasure connected with snow and with hail?

Dr. Frank T. Shutt, dominion chemist of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, in a recent issue of "Science — A Release by Scientific Services," recounts the result of his seventeen years of experimentation. He finds that there is a definite financial value to snow and hail as they wash out the atmosphere nitrogenous substances that fertilize the soil. The action of snow and of hail in the air deposits on the land four kinds of chemical fertilizer: Free ammonia, nitrates, nitrates, and albuminoid ammonia to the value of $14.08 per acre are deposited in a winter's fall of snow and hail. These are the forms in which the nitrogen of the air can be assimilated by plants as food occurs. salt-peter per acre. If a farmer had This is the equivalnet of forty-four pounds of expensive imported Chile ten acres of land under cultivation, the treasurer of the snow and the hail for him would be $140.80 per year. If you ascertain the number of acres under cultivation in your state and multiply them by $14.08 per acre, you will learn what the treasure of the snow and the hail really is in your locality. It is difficult enough to find for all in times of peace. How could men survive in times of war without this constant contribution from the first heaven to the needs of the earth?

Now for the first time men know what Job meant when he wrote 3500 years ago, saying, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow, or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble?" Job 38:22.

We candidly believe that if the men who are spending much time in seeing what can be said against the Scriptures, should assume a friendly attitude and search with a kindred diligence for its remarkable defenses, they could find them with utter ease, and would be shortly confirmed in the "faith once delivered" and able to boast with the poet:

"I paused one day beside the blacksmith's door
And listened to the anvil ring the evening's chime.
And looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

'How many anvils have you had,' said I,
'To wear and batter out these hammers so?'
'Just one,' he answered, with a twinkling eye,
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

And so, I though, the Anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of infidel was heard,
The anvil is unworn—the hammers, gone!"

Some Points Where Comparison Is Impossible

Not to all subjects to which Science speaks do the Scriptures address themselves. It is equally true that the Scriptures discuss many subjects with which Science has naught to do. There are points in human experience where the microscope, the scalpel, the telescope tell us nothing. They transcend all scientific investigation! And yet that problem is not more difficult than are the problems of sin, substitution and salvation.

A man may easily say that Moses was mistaken when he declared how sin came into the world. But who will attempt to demonstrate it, and how? We know that sin is here. The Bible affirms that it came through an evil spirit; that man accepted his suggestion and continues to accept it, and so suffers the penalty of violated law. Who has presented a saner explanation of sin?

It is the height of folly to speak of "the Scriptures as teaching that the innocent must suffer for the sins of the guilty," "that children are condemned because of their parents' blunder." It never hints such a thing, and it never did! The second commandment does not say that God is visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon their innocent children, but it does affirm that "judgment falls upon the third and fourth generation of them that hate him," and why shouldn't it, unto generations and generations? Shall men hate God and escape judgment? The law, when first declared, was, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Is not that law righteous? The Scriptures are very careful to follow that statement with another from the pen of Ezekiel, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him; and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." (Ezek. 19: 20.)

It may be easy enough to set up untenable theories of sin, and assign them either to the Sacred Scriptures, or to the conservative defenders of the same, when neither have ever spoken aught to warrant such caricature. I have been in the ministry over thirty years. My daily associations, of an intrinsic character, have been with the conservative wing of the church, and in that entire time I have never heard Jehovah described as a God who visited the sins of guilty parents upon the heads of innocent children, by any one of them. On the contrary, they have depicted Jehovah as a God of infinite love, punishing no innocent men or women; even pitying the sinner and proffering him grace in Jesus Christ. Will the man who sets himself up as a student of Science, and a preacher of the Sacred Scriptures, object; and if so, has he a better view of God to present?

Again, if the God who breathed upon the waste of a darkened world, and converted its chaos into cosmos, and quickened its death into life, is willing to do the same for a man "dead in trespasses and sins," will men object? Cannot He of whom Milton sang

"Thou from the first
Wast present, and with mighty wings outstretched,
Dove-like, sat'st brooding on the vast abyss,
And madest it pregnant,"

quicken our dead souls that they shall live again? If we cannot bind the influence of the Pleiades, shall we attempt to set limits to the work of God's own Spirit, or demand that He bring His endeavors within the limits of natural explanation?

Is it not written, "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. And that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit," and are we not enjoined to "marvel not" about it, since "the wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh and whither it goeth," and told, "so is every one that is born of the Spirit?"

Just how it happens that the drunken man who staggers into a sanctuary and listens to the Gospel of the Son of God, and goes out, never to drink again, supported, in his new sobriety, by the sense of Divine Love, Science may never be able to explain; but that does not disprove what you and I have seen in the clinic of regeneration.

Just how it happens that the woman who has walked in the ways of wickedness, is suddenly roused to repentance by the rehearsal of the Divine goodness, scientists may not even see, but the Son of Man rejoices and the angels are made happy by the sight of His face. You can deny the direct creation of man in the divine image, if you like, but you will never be able to disprove it. You may deny the unity of the race, but even there the evidences are against you; you may deny the description of the fall, but sin remains unexplained. You may deny that there is any supernaturalism, and yet, as against that, we say that he who starts along the path clearly marked in Sacred Scripture will go from sin to salvation; from salvation to sanctification and from sanctification to the eternal fellowship of the Father.

Years ago we went through the Hoosac Tunnel for the first time. Did you ever hear how it was constructed? There started two companies of men to work on opposite sides of the mountain, but the survey had been so accurately made that when the men met midway, the approaching walls of the excavation were not an inch off the line. But the man who wants to turn home to God and heaven has more than an accurate line marked by survey; he has a well beaten road lying full before him. Others have gone over it by the thousands; yea, by the millions, and as the prodigal who trudged his way back to the farm house from which he had been so long separated, by a well-traveled road, found his father coming forth to meet him, so shall the lost man find God if he but turn his feet to the path upon which there falls the light of this Book—the Bible!

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"Mr. Edison is now in his eightieth year; but his mind is evidently as keen as ever. All his life his attitude regarding things not seen—God, the human soul, life hereafter, etc.—has been severely skeptical. But now, in the sunset of his days, he has undertaken the investigation of those great matters, with a desire to know the truth, but with insistence upon proof. "I want facts," was the way he expressed the attitude of his mind. Owing to Mr. Edison's deafness, it was difficult for the Editor to speak to him. But it was better so; and the promise was given that he would read attentively a short letter on the matters discussed. A copy of the letter written him the day following the interview will be found on another page of this issue. Is it not a remarkable thing that Mr. Edison should be turning his attention seriously to these great matters at such a late hour of his life-day? Have we not ground to hope that it may be God's gracious purpose to enlighten him? And will not our readers unite in prayer to that end?"

Mr. Mauro's Letter

The letter to the great inventor referred to by Mr. Mauro in the foregoing paragraphs from his pen follows:

October 30, 1926.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison,
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It was a real pleasure to see you and hear your voice again. Moreover, the matters touched upon in our conversation of yesterday gave me much to think about.

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God (whom you reverently call "the Supreme Intelligence") loves you, and wants your love in return. My visit to you and this letter are evidences of it, though of course not sufficient to prove to your satisfaction either that God is, or that He cares for Thomas Edison. But wait.

Another **fact**: God is **Light**.

How do I know? I know in the only way that light can be known—by experience. For the nature of light is such that it admits of being known only in the way of **experimental knowledge**. I am saying this to the man who has had more to do with the development of artificial light than any other who ever lived in this dark world, and who probably knows more about light, in a practical way, than any other. How then could the existence and the nature of light be demonstrated to one who had been shut up all his life in a dark cell? It could be done only in some such way as by opening a window; and then the light would enter, and **prove itself**.

This I say, because you are seeking a solution of the mystery of life and the soul by the way of **analogies from nature**. Very good. Much truth can be got in that way; as Butler in his famous "Analogy" has abundantly shown, I hope you will continue your investigation, and in your customary thorough-going fashion; for it is the most important you ever undertook. And in this connection I call your attention to a clear and pertinent analogy; the point of which is that the proof you demand can be had **only by experiment**. For myself, I **know** that God is Light, and that he sheds light in the heart that is opened to Him, because I put the matter to the test of experience twenty-three years ago, and have enjoyed the consciousness of spiritual light ever since. Moreover, my experience is that of millions of others.

Let me remind you that light will not force its way into a place that is tightly closed; but that, if only a tiny chink be opened, in it comes, proving itself.

Likewise Christ, who is "the true Light," does not force Himself into the chamber of the soul against the human will. But He ever waits at the door, ready to come in, if wanted. So you **may** have the proof if you **will**. For the nature of the matter is such that, like the smell of a violet, the color of a sunset, or the taste of honey, it can be known only by experiment. The "Good Book," that you asked me not to quote, says: "Come and see." "Taste and see." Is not that strictly scientific?

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